

SCR 4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Meeting Dates: 3/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Memorializes the life of Donald C. "Don" Carey.

Donald Carey was born February 17, 1925 in Gates, Oregon to Al and Velma Carey. Mr. Carey graduated from Gates High School in 1943 where he served as student body president and excelled in sports. Mr. Carey served in the United States Army Air Forces with honor and distinction during World War II. In 1950, Mr. Carey graduated from Oregon State College and began a lifelong career in education. He married Helen Wilson in 1950 and raised three sons. Mr. Carey was an exemplary teacher, counselor and coach in Stayton, Oregon; he was one of the most successful high school basketball coaches in Oregon history. Mr. Carey's winning record including leading teams at Stayton High School to an overall record of 486-166, winning two state championships, finishing as state runner-up three times, and winning 14 Capital Conference championships. Mr. Carey was known for his composure and civility on the sidelines, earning just two technical fouls in his coaching career. In 2003, the Stayton High School basketball court was named the Don Carey Court.

Mr. Carey coached golf at Stayton High School; his teams won nine state championships, finished as state runner-up three times and won 20 Capital Conference championships. Mr. Carey earned state coach of the year honors several times - three times in basketball and four times in golf. In 1993, Mr. Carey was named the national golf coach of the year.

Mr. Carey taught a variety of high school classes; his favorite class was "Conservation", a class he developed that included subjects related to the outdoors. The popularity of the course caused enrollment to be restricted. Mr. Carey, as an educator and coach, worked to support a sense of belonging and accomplishment for at-risk students. Mr. Carey played fastpitch softball and played on many successful amateur adult teams, winning a state championship and being named to the all-state team three times at three different positions (pitcher, catcher and first base).

In his later life, Mr. Carey pursued sporting endeavors, including hunting and fishing, along with a talent for outdoor and wildlife photography. Mr. Carey was named Stayton First Citizen in 1977. He passed away on March 9, 2019.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND: